
LEGAL UPDATE

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2022 COLBORN INNOVATION AWARD

Purpose. *Legal updates are prepared by the nonpartisan Legal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency. A legal update is intended to provide legislators, legislative staff, and other persons interested in legislative matters with summaries of recent meetings, court decisions, Attorney General Opinions, regulatory actions, federal actions, and other occurrences of a legal nature that may be pertinent to the General Assembly's consideration of a topic. Although an update may identify issues for consideration by the General Assembly, it should not be interpreted as advocating any particular course of action.*

Background. The Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) section of the National Association of Secretaries of State is a nationwide organization of government personnel involved with writing, editing, publishing, review, and oversight of administrative rules. Since 2002, the section has annually recognized a program that demonstrates creativity and innovation in providing public access to, or managing, administrative rules to receive the Robert J. Colborn, Jr. Innovation Award. The award is named for the founder of ACR.

2022 Award. The Legislative Services Agency (LSA) received this award from ACR in July 2022 for its project to determine and track rulemaking that may be required as a result of legislation enacted in the annual sessions of the Iowa General Assembly. Established at the direction of the Administrative Rules Review Committee, the project entails the Legal Services Division of the LSA analyzing each enacted bill and the Iowa Administrative Code to determine if new rules may be required or existing rules may need to be updated or rescinded. Information on rulemaking that may be required is provided to relevant executive branch agencies if such rulemaking has not been commenced. The goal is to ensure that enacted legislation is timely implemented by rule and that the Iowa Administrative Code remains accurate and up to date. Technological and process improvements greatly enhanced the project in 2021.

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